



# School Board Meeting MINUTES for Monday, August 17, 2015 Music Room (001), 6:00pm

**1. Call to order 6:03 pm by Stacey Persons**

**2. Roll Call**

Present	Board Members
	Ross Meisner - President
x	Stacey Persons – Vice President
x	Erin Nelson - Secretary
x	Valerie Slaymaker
x	Matt Manning
x	Nikki Brown
	Andy Wallschlaeger

Guests
Debra Lach – Ex-Officio Member
Lindsey Altermatt – Board Clerk

**3. Reading of Mission Statement 1 minute**

DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science will awaken a passion for learning through an enriched and individualized approach to education. Students, parents and teachers will work together to ensure positive character development and build a strong foundation for higher education.

**4. Community Comment 5-10 minutes**

*Community Comment is the only open forum portion of tonight’s meeting, and is an opportunity to present an issue or concern to the Board of Directors. There is a maximum of ten minutes set aside for Community Comment. Each presentation should be limited to no more than two minutes. If your item needs follow-up from the board and/or staff or will require research etc., a decision may not be made during tonight’s meeting. Thank you for coming this evening.*

No Community Comments

**5. Adoption of Agenda and Addendums 1 minute**

*Motion for approval by: Valerie Slaymaker  
Motion seconded by: Nikki Brown  
Unanimous approval*

**6. Consent Agenda 5 minutes**

MEETING MINUTES

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 6.1. Board Meetings:                  | 2015-07-20, 2015-06-15 |
| 6.2. Finance Committee:               | 2015-08-10             |
| 6.3. Policy Committee:                | Did not meet           |
| 6.4. Curriculum/Technology Committee: | Did not meet           |
| 6.5. HR/Compensation Committee:       | Did not meet           |
| 6.6. School Development Committee:    | Did not meet           |
| 6.7. Facilities Committee:            | Did not meet           |

6.8. Ad-hoc Communications Committee: Did not meet

DONATIONS

6.9. Donation - Rayadurgam \$213  
6.10. Donation – Wells Fargo match \$115

DOCUMENTS

6.11. Monthly Financials July 2015

POLICIES FOR APPROVAL

6.12. None

Correction: Minutes added for 6/15/15 Board Meeting

*Motion for approval as modified by: Valerie Slaymaker*

*Motion seconded by: Nikki Brown*

*Unanimous approval*

**7. Discussion – Administration Updates – Debra Lach 10 minutes**

- Budgeted 415 – 435 enrolled – Some openings 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
- May recruit for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Will wait until things settle down since we have little space with more students than ever before.
- The playground – blacktop done, peaceful playground painted, fence, grass, retaining walls, teachers are teaching how to play the games, and how to play peacefully.
- Do not have final year figures yet, waiting on Special Ed numbers coming from various areas.
- Auditors will come 9/14-15 – will finalize the figures then. They're scheduled to come to October Board Meeting to present
- May need another bus – one bus is running late – may have to budget for another bus.
- Re-budgeting with enrollment coming together along with grant money. Will present in September.
- New staff hired – only 1 para is outstanding.
- Finishing health insurance paperwork with employees. Later will present on 403B option.

**8. Old Business**

8.1. School Replication Update w/Community Manning 15 minutes  
Monthly presentation of school growth plan and status.

Kuo is representing us – Kuo did a lot of legwork/modeling of what our facility needs are from now until 2021-2022 when we would combine both schools. Working on financial model. The faculties task force is meeting with him every Monday.

Did a new search for property – came up with mostly the same list we had – will do a letter for intent (non-binding) for one of them. The property was of far greater value and in more ideal location than the others.

Kuo will reach out to Marty Fischer to get the letter of intent going. Presented our model without our name to a broker to see that we are financeable.

Kuo reaching out to Arch Diocese to see if there are any temporary locations in churches for students if we do not meet the July deadline. There are currently no unused school buildings.

8.2. Treasurer's Update Slaymaker 5 minutes  
Monthly school finance update.

8% of way through the year, 8% revenue, 3% expenditures, very strong

8.3. Board Operations Update Persons 5 minutes  
Review board operations calendar, upcoming items.

- Teacher bonuses finalized for review and approval – already completed
- Review MCA Results – on this meeting's agenda

## 9. New Business – Discussion/Action items

9.1. Board member transitions All 5 minutes  
Resignations, committee leadership, and plan for back-filling seats

Dale (community member) resigned – may consider offering the guest Rachel Engstrom who interviewed in June the community spot. Communicate with Ross.

Mike Keeley resigned– we have a teacher interested, was Mike a parent member or an at large member? Communicate with Ross, see who is at large and go from there.

Mike was chair of the Ad Hoc Communications committee and vice chair of the Finance committee. We need to establish regular communication soon. Start once we have something to communicate, but then update regularly even if there isn't new information to share.

*Motion to appoint Nikki Brown as Chair of Ad Hoc Communications committee and Stacey Persons as Vice Chair – Erin Nelson*  
*Motion seconded by – Matt Manning*  
*Unanimous approval*

9.2. Authorizing access MDE secure websites Debra 5 minutes

The Board moves to designate the Identified Officials with Authority (Debra Lach, Executive Director & Terry Moffatt, Academic Director) to authorize user access to MDE secure websites for our local education agency.

*Motion to approve – Valerie Slaymaker*  
*Motion seconded by – Matt Manning*  
*Unanimous approval*

9.3. Review test results if available All 30 minutes  
MCA test results.

Math – state went down a bit – we went up, including the subcategories: Special Ed and Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRP) which feed into our rewards designation. Middle school math scores show high growth. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade 0% of students showed low growth – fantastic!

Reading: State remained stagnant – DaVinci went up. Special Ed and FRP went up substantially. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders struggled more than the older children on the reading test now that it is on computers. Was on paper in 2014. We are spending more time teaching 3-5<sup>th</sup> how to read and comprehend on the screen this year.

Area of improvement: Science – still above the state – but fell from last year.

Focusing on as a staff: growth v.s. stagnant model of intelligence, as well as executive function, (organization, persistence, etc.)

9.4. School expansion planning All 60 minutes  
General ongoing discussion, updates, and next steps.

Will invite Kuo at to present current findings and standing at the September Board meeting.

## 10. Adjourn Meeting

Estimated end time:

8:00 pm

*Motion to adjourn at 6:58 – Erin Nelson*

*Motion seconded – Nikki Brown*

*Unanimous approval*

Meeting adjourned 6:58 p.m.